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*“To everything there is a
season . . . a time to build
up” (Eccl. 3:1-3).*

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ISRAEL

EDWIN MARKHAM

They are the tribes of sorrow and for ages have been fed
On brackish desert-wells of hate and exile's bitter bread.
They builded up fair cities with no threshold of their own,
They gave their sigh to Nineveh, to Babylon their moan,
And have they not had tears enough, this people shrunk with chains?
Must there be more Assyrias, must there be other Spains?



EDITORIALS



Institute Expansion Program Begun

It is with praise to God that we announce to the many friends of the Bible Institute that the contracts for the new building have been let and construction has begun. August 8th was made memorable by the felling of the trees on the building site. It was with a tinge of regret that we observed some fine trees being felled, but the fact that the site will be used for a greater purpose made it an occasion of joy. Quite a number of beautiful trees remain that will surround the new building on the plot of ground on the corner of Rudisill Boulevard and Indiana Avenue. There is no finer building site in the city of Fort Wayne. It is therefore a tribute to the vision and foresight of the founders who provided a larger campus than was necessary to meet the immediate requirements of their day. It is also a tribute to the sacrificial spirit of those who later considered selling the west portion of the campus to liquidate the indebtedness on the school, but who decided to retain it though it meant faith and sacrifice.

To those men of vision, we of a later generation say "Thank you," while we fervently pray that we might be endued with the same spirit of vision and loving service that motivated them.

The new building will be a definite asset to the Institute. It provides adequate quarters for the School of Music; it will have a spacious assembly hall, gymnasium, and classrooms. The added quarters will relieve the congestion in the other buildings, and will make possible a larger library and more dormitory space.

The building is begun in "perilous times." We do not know what the morrow will bring forth. In these uncertain times we need to pray constantly that God will graciously prosper the undertaking until it is completed. We urge all friends of the Institute to take this request upon their hearts. The need for larger training quarters is urgent. The Master tarries while millions are perishing without His saving grace. To hasten His return and to meet the desperate spiritual need of our generation, we mean to continue to train young people for Christian ministries at home and abroad. The new building will permit more and better work to be done.

We also urge friends and former students to take the remaining financial needs upon their hearts in prayer. Considerable monies are still needed, and *now* is the opportune time to subscribe or give for this project.

This War Is Madness

When truth, honesty, good will, and square dealing go out the window then madness reigns. There is no logic of morality nor of reason in this war. In our country we are presumably not supposed to think; we are expected to hate. Unless one is a hater he is castigated as pro-Nazi. Smearing and propaganda—defined by someone as the longer way of spelling a lie—are purposely used to condition the citizenry for war. The one reason the United States has not entered the “shooting” stage is because the American people have been so slow in yielding to the conditioning process. They haven’t yet become fighting mad. It will take a little more “propaganda,” name-calling, and backstage poker playing by “statesmen” to bring this about.

But let us remind ourselves of the strange inconsistencies of this war.

It was begun by Britain and France to save Poland. Hitler and Stalin decided to carve up this nation between them. Now Britain has allied herself with Russia, the ruthless power that double-crossed her and helped to dismember Poland.

Britain and France were said to have gone into the war to save the democracies; now Britain chiefly carries on the crusade for “freedom” against totalitarianism. BUT SHE IS NOW ALLIED WITH THE GOD-HATING, TYRANNICAL TOTALITARIANISM OF RUSSIA! Who wants to see Russian Communism emerge victorious in this war?

Not so many months ago Americans were lauding the Finns for their noble fight against the Russians and a sympathetic feeling of sadness passed over the nation as brave Finland bowed before the harsh but inevitable peace terms imposed by her victorious enemy. Now the United States—pledged to spread the blessings of the four freedoms throughout the world—is *giving* aid to Russia to conquer the brave Finns, ninety-four per cent of whom are Protestant Christians.

Communists in America and Communist-front organizations follow the party line without reason or principle. Before the Stalin-Hitler treaty that started the war, Communists condemned Naziism with fervent regularity. After the treaty, they sang Hitler’s praises, sabotaged the defense effort by strikes, and picketed the White House in favor of peace. With the declaration of war by Hitler against Russia, party policy changed overnight, in fact, the night before! Now the country is relatively free from strikes!

The President refused to enforce the neutrality act against Japan in her war against China. We have been sending her aviation gasoline and steel to continue her slaughter of the Chinese. She robbed China of silver which she sold to the U. S. Treasury at artificially high prices, giving her dollar credits with which to buy more war material to bomb more cities and kill more civilians. The President explained this policy as "neutralizing" an aggressor. In Europe the same thing is called appeasement.

In a Mid-West Bible Conference this summer a professed lay Bible teacher from Canada was observed talking up the British point of view among delegates. He had the audacity to "smear" prominent citizens of the United States who are opposed to our nation entering the war. When confronted by a straight inquiry, he tacitly admitted that he was a paid agent of the British Government. It depends only on *who* is spreading hate as to whether it is ethical or not.

The world does not only need a new deal but a square deal. War is not the instrument of bringing peace into the world. It engenders hate, ill will; it breeds duplicity and chicanery in high places; it unleashes the bestial instincts of men; it prostitutes ideals and truth to instruments of "psychological war." Sherman was right, and we should like to add, war is madness.

God the Source of Cheer

Many today are worried and fearful. Their faces are drawn by anxiety. Some give way to fear or futility and in desperation end their lives. The Psalmist who penned the 42nd and 43rd Psalms discovered the source of cheerfulness and joy: "For I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."

God is the health of countenance, or, according to a literal translation, "the well-being of my face." The lines of care vanished and the tears of wistful yearning ceased when the Psalmist looked up. Previously when he had looked within he experienced only further anguish of soul: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me?"

In spite of awful tragedies of our times, we may reflect something of heaven's joy as we "with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord."

FACING THE GREAT TRIBULATION

By Dr. A. B. Simpson

"Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast that which thou hast that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:10, 11).

"Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

There looms large and dark in the vista of prophecy a dreadful cloud upon the future of this world.

"Earth, what a sorrow lies before thee,
None like it in the shadowy past,
The sharpest throes that ever tore thee,
E'en though the briefest and the last."

Isaiah asked the watchman, "What of the night?" and the answer came, "The morning cometh and also the night." The last shadows blot out the dawn. Jeremiah cries, "Alas, alas, for the day is great; it is even

The Day of Jacob's Trouble."

And Jesus Christ tells us of it in His Olivet discourses (Matt. 24:21). "There shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days shall be shortened there should be no flesh saved, but for the elect's

sake they shall be shortened."

This dreadful hour of sorrow is to be

Specially Severe Upon Israel.

We have already quoted Jeremiah's prophecy of Jacob's trouble, but he adds, "He shall be delivered out of it." Daniel in his last chapter reaches this closing vision, almost, of the Christian age (Daniel 12:1), "There shall be a time such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time. And at that time Thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." That this time is the distant future is revealed by the next verse, "Many that are asleep in the dust shall awake." Zechariah more fully pictures this catastrophe, this furnace worse than the Egyptian bondage. "And it shall come to pass that in all the land, saith the Lord,

*Two Parts Therein Shall Be
Cut Off*

and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; they shall call on My name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God" (Zech. 13:8). "I will gather

all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives" (Zech. 14:2, 3).

But it shall not only be a day of trouble for Israel, but also for all the nations. In Luke's report of the Olivet address, we have this full account of the Tribulation. "There shall be

Upon the Earth Distress of Nations"

(Luke 21:25). This is an extremely intense word. It is more than distress. It is desperate distress, unparalleled distress, distress which leaves men at their wits' end, so that, as John tells us in the vision of the Apocalypse, "In that day men shall desire death and shall not find it." "Distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." We hear the mutterings already, the volcanic forces that are underlying our social, industrial and political life, and which might easily break forth at any moment, but for restrain-

ing providences which shall be removed in that tribulation time.

Let us look for a little at some of the causes of this dreadful condition of things that is coming upon the earth.

1. It Will Be the Natural Ripening of Sin.—It will be the human heart in its corruption and depravity and with all the added forces of modern development and culture reaching its highest possibilities of wickedness and misery. We have just such a picture as this in Revelation 14:18, this ripening of the vine of earth. "Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe."

We have a little account of the ripening of man's unrestrained physical life in the early chapters of the Bible. We read in the beginning of Genesis that "there were giants in those days," that men developed the species by high breeding, until through physical development, such as doctors are telling you about to-day, they reached a condition of the very highest physical perfection. The women, we are told, were beautiful women. The believers of that day, the descendants of the godly Seth, regardless of God's separating line, mingled with the world, and "took them wives of all they chose." They married as they wanted to. They married without any thought of what God wanted, and thus mingled the

seed contrary to God's prohibition. They developed a wonderful race of physical perfection, the highest types perhaps that humanity had developed in that age when human life was still long, and when the seeds of death had not fully wrought their fruit of mortality. But what was the result?

A race so corrupt morally that the

"Earth Was Filled with Violence,"

and God had to send a deluge to wash away the pollution of their sins and crimes. A little later human wickedness developed into the fearful and unnatural vices of the cities of the Plain, and God had once more to consume the stench of human wickedness. This time by a rain of fire. The Lord Jesus has told us that moral conditions on earth at the time of His coming will be as in the days of Noah and Lot. Human nature will then have reached not only its perfect physical development, but its highest intellectual and social culture, and man's capacity for wickedness will be at its maximum.

The two special features suggested by the days of Noah and the days of Lot in the moral picture are violence and lust. We can already see the beginnings of these last developments in the lawlessness of our own age,

and the breaking away of modern society from all restraint in violence and self-indulgence. We need only imagine these conditions at their height, and earth would be again an inferno like the scene which the angels met that awful night when they came down to the home of Lot to investigate the wickedness of Sodom.

2. It Will Be the Result of Satanic Power.—The tribulation time will be Satan's "hour and power of darkness." "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, for they are the spirits of devils working miracles which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:13, 14). The frog suggests the night, and this will be one deadly quagmire of moral putridity.

The frog speaks with a dismal croak, and the note of infidelity, materialism, spiritism, and atheism is one of gloom, depression, and despair. These three spirits are already beginning their dire work. The "unclean spirit" from the mouth of the dragon may well be recognized in the croakings of spiritism, the frog from the mouth of the beast is busy in the swamp of socialism and anarchy, and the emissary of the

false prophet is abroad in the varied forms of present fanaticism, materialism, Christian Science, Theosophy, and even Religious Liberalism. Let all these things have unrestricted sway and we shall already be in the great tribulation.

3. The Oppression of Human Authority.—For the tribulation time will be the time when Antichrist shall reign and all the world shall be under the arbitrary and cruel sway of the last and worst form of human government, represented by the Beast. Think for a moment of the condition of the Jews today, and make it universal, and earth would be a hell. Think of the oppressive and destructive excesses of socialism. The dynamiter and the anarchist, and what more would be needed to constitute the great tribulation? Think of a world where no man could buy or sell or transact any kind of business without a license from this Superman, as will be the case when the prophecy of Revelation 13:15-17 is fulfilled, and who would wish to live on earth in such an evil time?

4. The Tribulation will be the Time of God's Peculiar Judgments upon This Wicked World.—Many believe that the trumpet woes of Revelation 8:11 belong to this period. Certainly the awful picture of Revelation 14:19, 20, belongs to that time. "And

the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth and thrust it into the great winepress of the wrath of God, and the winepress was trodden without the city and blood came out of the winepress even unto the horse bridles by the space of a thousand six hundred furlongs." At last comes the final conflict: "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon, and I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse and against His army, and the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Rev. 16:16; 19:20).

5. Finally, the Tribulation Will Be a Time when the Restraint of Religion Will Be Withdrawn from the World. — The Church caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and human society without the presence and restraining influence of the followers of Christ. What a dreadful world this will be when the atmosphere of faith and love and prayer are at last withdrawn, and the awful shadow of the dragon's wing rests like a pall of despair upon every human heart. God grant that we may escape that dreadful day.

The period of the great tribu-

lation appears to be fixed by the words of Christ (Matt. 24:29), immediately "after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in the heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory." It will, therefore, precede the public manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ in His glorious Epiphany and follow the Parousia of the Son of Man, when His Church shall be withdrawn to meet Him in the air, and the holy dead shall be united with them in the first resurrection.

Finally, How Shall We Escape this awful day? We cannot do better than read the Lord's last message in the third chapter of Revelation. "Because thou hast kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:10, 11). Those, therefore, that keep the Word of His patience, that believe His Word and live it, shall be numbered with His waiting people, and shall be

saved from this awful catastrophe. Israel must go through it because Israel did not know the Lord, and will not know Him till He comes with His saints. Like Noah, Israel will have to go through the deluge, but like Enoch, the saints of God will be caught up before to meet Him in the air.

Another passage should be interpreted in the light of this truth, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (II Peter 2:9). The godly will be taken up before and out of the tribulation, but the unjust will be reserved to go through it.

Someone asked Dr. A. J. Gordon if all believers should go up with the Lord when He came, or if only those that are walking with Him in holiness and separation, and they quoted that passage in Revelation about the first-fruits unto God and the Lamb, the holy ones in whose "mouth was found no guile, and they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." He was asked if only those will be caught up when He comes, and the others would wait, or should all the people of God go up resurrected or translated? Dr. Gordon shook his head with a solemn, modest expression, and said, "I have not light enough to answer, but I would rather take no chances."

THE PROPER DISPLAY OF THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

"We enjoin the use of the following rules in this Conference for the correct display of the Christian Flag:

(a) When the Christian Flag is displayed upon the floor level with the congregation, it shall be from a staff to the right of the congregation as they face the altar. All other flags shall be placed to the other side.

(b) When the Christian Flag is displayed within the chancel, or on any level at the front above that of the floor of the congregation, it shall be from a staff to the right of the clergyman as he faces the congregation. All other flags shall be placed to his left."

Some facts about flag display are in order.

1. There is no official flag code of the United States. No national law exists on the subject of detailed display. In the "Flag Circular" issued by the Adjutant General of the United States, 1939, War Department, D. C., page 2, it is stated:

"There is no Federal law now in force pertaining to the manner of displaying, hanging, or saluting the United States flag, or prescribing any ceremonies that should be ob-

served in connection therewith."

What then of the "American Flag Code" which is being printed and publicized so extensively today by patriotic and military groups?

The "American Flag Code" originated in 1923. The Americanism Commission of the American Legion called together representatives from a large number of kindred organizations and they drew up rules. It was a commendable undertaking. And excepting in the one instance where the sanctuary of the church is concerned, we approve and urge the observance of their suggested flag etiquette.

Our one disagreement arises on the basis of spiritual principles and long established American tradition. We hold that the Christian Flag is to receive the position of highest respect and honor. Thus the Christian Flag is to be placed to the right of the minister if in the chancel and to the right of the congregation if on the floor.

—JAMES R. POLLOCK, in

Michigan Christian Advocate
The Religious Digest
 August, 1941.

CASTE AND OUTCASTE

By L. M. Brown

On the banks of a river in an Indian village, a Brahman stood watching an unfamiliar scene: a group of low-caste people being baptized. Having never before witnessed such a ceremony, he questioned a man standing near by. The man, who was a Christian, explained it all to him. He was much interested. He watched those outcaste people. He saw their lives changing. He learned that they were studying the Bible in order that they might know how to live Christian lives. After two years he himself asked for baptism and was able to satisfy the committee that he was ready for it. When he stood before that great church congregation to make his profession of faith, he asked for a glass of water. He requested the missionary to drink from the glass, which he did. Then the Brahman himself drank from the same glass, and poured the remainder of the water over his head, thus signifying the breaking of his caste. He went back to his village to announce that those who had once been low-caste people, but were Christians now, were also his people. He is an old man now, a leader and a spiritual power in his village. He, who first saw Christ in the lives of his village outcaste people, has since led many caste people to Christ.

In the Nizam's State of Hyderabad, at Ibrahimpatnam, a village of about four thousand people, there are approximately eight hundred Christians, of whom the majority are from caste. Here, the movement is fairly recent, as it was but ten or twelve years ago that these caste people first became Christians. We were told that people in that area first became interested in Christianity when a group of twelve evangelists, called "The Twelve Apostles," told the gospel story as they passed through the district. The people heard that other villages had accepted Christianity and they, too, became desirous of effecting in their own lives the changes which they saw in others. It was mostly the low-caste people who accepted Christ first, and the caste people followed later.

Thus we saw the Mass Movement, that began among the low-caste people, spread to the caste people. "Lowly vessels" are often instruments of much usefulness to further the Kingdom of God.

They came in groups — whole families, whole caste groups, and even whole villages at a time. This has been the experience and the accepted method in Andhra Desh from

the very beginning. In some places it is quite the reverse: a large number coming together has, in the past, been discouraged. The single individual has been encouraged. The Rev. Robert Cummings, describing the situation, said: "We have said to the new Christian, 'Come into our compound. Come away from your village, your family, all your old ties. Come within the shelter of our high compound walls, lest an adverse wind blow upon you and you weaken in the blast.'" We have sheltered them and cared for them, and those who have been forced to leave that shelter have often been unable to withstand the ill-winds encountered outside the protecting mission wall.

The villages we saw in Andhra Desh (a district north of Madras) were most interesting. There was a Gond village, three-fourths of whose population had come into Christianity all at one time. Gradually the other residents of the village were won and now it is a hundred per cent Christian population. That village, and several near-by villages, all came in at about the same time. What a tower of strength they must have been to one another!

This coming, with relatives and friends, into a group that may already contain many former friends of his own caste people, provides the new convert with an element of the old life that is,

at once, comforting and reassuring. Besides this, the policy has been rather generally observed to remove only those things from the life of the new convert which are hurtful to his general welfare and definitely anti-Christian. As far as possible he has been encouraged to remain in his home, live as formerly, with non-Christian relatives, if need be, and carry on his usual job. What a different state of affairs exists when we remove the man from his home and family and give him a job as a mission employee!

In Andhra Desh it has been found possible to adapt some Hindu practices into definitely Christian ones. Offerings to the idols are now diverted and become offerings to the true and living God. In one village, each household has a number of gharas in which a definite amount of rice or grain is put, as each meal is prepared, as an offering for the Church and the work of the Lord.

Many of the villages and poorer mohallas (wards) of the larger towns have very simple church buildings, often just a grass roof without walls, and only supporting wooden pillars. These buildings are put up by the congregations themselves, without help from the mission, or at least with very little help. Few, if any, chairs or benches are found in these places of wor-

ship. The service itself is of such a simple nature that even the most illiterate person of the community can take part in it. On the other hand, at Rentichintala we found a marble building. The baptismal font and altar and altar railings were all of highly polished marble, most beautiful in colour and pattern. That great solid church has been built out of marble taken from quarries in the nearby bleak, bare, stony fields. Thus it was not an edifice unsuitable or unadaptable to the community. In that church no benches or chairs were seen. We were told that grass mats were used in all services, to seat the congregation.

We were most favourably impressed with the great emphasis placed upon teaching by the various missions of Andhra Desh. There was the curriculum for village teaching. This was given mostly in night schools, attended by both adults and those children who had to work and could not go to day schools. This covered a carefully balanced course of both secular and sacred instruction. Enrolled in these classes were enquirers, recent converts, and those who had been baptized, also Christians of long standing. Doctrines and Bible knowledge were drilled into their memories. Often we saw an old, old woman stand and tell Bible stories. Stories, in song, often helped to hold the Bible knowl-

edge. Long, lyrical poems of our wonderful Bible tales were sung for us wherever we went.

Adult teaching mostly took the form of the Laubach method. Old Jacob read for us the first page of the Telegu Laubach primer, after he had been studying only a few days. When we applauded, he also did so in most evident self-admiration. He showed even more pride when his son, whom he himself had taught, read for us that same page.

The most noteworthy accomplishment was that of Kamala. At the evening worship-night-school session at Ibrahimpatnam, a comely young woman, of perhaps twenty years of age, rose and read a long passage from the Bible. The pantalu, looking over her shoulder to catch any mistake she might make, spoke but twice. As she read, the missionary told me that six weeks ago she had been quite unable to read a single word, and now she reads, without faltering, and with scarcely a mistake, a long passage of Scripture.

Careful selection of candidates, sufficient preparatory schooling for those needing it, and then three years in specialized Bible training, presents an excellent group of young evangelists (pantalus). They go out knowing their subject, the Bible. There is no question of having "finished studying," for there are yearly compulsory "refresher courses." Constantly they

“search the Scriptures.” How could aught but success attend such a plan?

The teaching is not by any means all theoretical. From the very beginning, it takes a definitely practical form. An enquirer is encouraged in making regular offerings before baptism. The beautiful church at Dudgaon was built from funds all found in India. Clean, straight streets; a bath at the beginning of the day for babies and kindergarten infants; improved methods of farming—were but a few of the

many practical forms which their teaching took.

The pastors of the American Baptist Mission are supported each by his own local congregation, without any mission aid, getting whatever that community can give, which is often distressingly little, though many are being paid very well indeed. The story of these men who have, in weak, struggling communities, built up strong, independent churches, are tales which should be told in a book of heroes.

World Dominion.

HELL ON WHEELS

Eight years ago the country was given a “New Deal.” The war-cry was: “Open the breweries and give us back prosperity!” Along with this we heard something about a 25% reduction in government expense.

The return of the open saloon—with the added provision that liquor might be sold in every grocery store—has given us hell on wheels. In the days of the old bar-room we had no such high-speed conveyances as we now have. Put a drink-crazed man or woman behind the wheel of an automobile and there is no safety for anyone on the highway. How has this “new deal” prosperity worked out?

The report of the comparative study by the American Business Men’s Research Foundation of traffic deaths since Prohibition

was repealed is published in *Christian Advocate*. During the seven years from April, 1933, to April, 1940, there were 246,422 **traffic deaths recorded in the U. S. A.** Compare this with a similar period of national prohibition and it is a **monthly increase of 499 highway fatalities.**

And every year the death toll mounts higher. Notwithstanding better cars, better brakes, better roads, and better-trained drivers, the year ending in June, 1940, saw 33,640 deaths for the previous year. The increase in domestic consumption of distilled spirits has kept pace with the increase in traffic deaths.

One-fourth of all traffic deaths are caused by liquor-drinking. Alcohol is always destructive, but especially when mixed with gasoline! (*Feb. issue of Prophecy.*)

NEW AUDITORIUM

The third major building program since the Fort Wayne Bible Institute was established is now under way. The Administration Building was erected in 1904; Bethany Hall in 1929-30; the new building will be dated 1941-42.

Description

The over-all size will be 164 by 97 feet. The south wing fronting Rudisill Boulevard will be a two-story music hall which will include 24 practice rooms, four studios, and an office. The partitions in this section will be of sound proof construction, built of double walls with special sound-eliminating doors. The wing along Indiana Avenue will consist of two spacious classrooms with a corridor leading to the gymnasium. The gym will be 60 by 60 feet in dimensions, and this large room can be combined by the use of a folding partition with the regular assembly hall, which itself will seat about 700 persons. The larger auditorium can be used for conventions and special events. The building will be of brick exterior with fireproof construction throughout.

Contractors

The general contract was awarded to the lowest of eight bidders, Buesching and Buesching of Fort Wayne. The heating and plumbing contract was awarded to the Industrial Piping and Engineering Company of Fort Wayne, and McKay Electric Company was given the job of electric wiring.

Mr. LeRoy Bradley was engaged quite some time ago as the architect and has completed a fine set of plans and specifications. He will also supervise the construction of the building.

Cost

The cost of the entire building including general, plumbing, heating, and electrical contracts is approximately \$99,000.00. In order to keep within the limits of available funds, certain deductions have been made from the above sum so that it will cost approximately \$84,000.00, including the architectural fees. Some parts of the building will be completed later unless funds are forthcoming in the immediate future to warrant going ahead with the whole undertaking.

Members of the Fellowship Circle will be grateful to know that alumni and students have given a total of \$7,944.65. \$1,688.94 of this sum has been paid.

Possibilities of Expansion

There will be a basement under the entire building. Part of this will be used for the heating plant, a suite of rooms for a married couple, shower and dressing rooms. Considerable space in the basement will be only partly finished but ready to convert into a kitchen, a serving room and a dining room when needed.

MUSIC HALL BEGUN

Name

The Building Committee is asking friends and alumni for suggestions as to a fitting name for the new building that can be permanently inscribed over the main entrance. If you have one or more recommendations to present for consideration they will be thankfully received. Send them to the Secretary of the Building Committee, Bible Institute Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

How Money Has Been Given

It is nothing less than providential that sufficient monies have come in to enable the Building Committee to go ahead with this rather sizable undertaking. There have been many interesting experiences, some of which have come to our notice. One family saved one hundred dollars by purchasing a less expensive car and remitted the saving to the Building Fund. One loyal tither who feels that unless "we" support the Bible Institute nobody else will, paid his pledge of \$300.00 and then took some more subscription forms for members of his family. A few days later they were mailed in—totaling \$225.00.

Many have said that they expect to do something toward the new building. Some have promised to send their gifts when building is started. There is no question but that working and business conditions make it possible for many donors to pay their pledges now. A goodly number have paid up their pledges in their entirety before due. Some have merely waited to make their gifts or pledges.

The Building Committee would like to make it known to all friends of the Institute that subscriptions and gifts are needed NOW. The more that is paid in during the period of construction the less will have to be financed by loans. Will not many more share in this ministry by their gifts whether large or small?

For the sake of those who wish to make pledges the following form may be used. Simply fill in, detach, and remit by mail. If the gift is to be credited to the Fellowship Circle, then indicate on the form and mail to the Treasurer of the Fellowship Circle, in care of the Bible Institute. If it is a general pledge it may be mailed to the Treasurer, Rev. P. L. Elcher, Bible Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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In dependence upon God I (we) hereby subscribe and agree to pay to the Treasurer of the (Fellowship Circle) (Building Committee) of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute for the erection of an Auditorium-Music Hall the sum of dollars, to be paid as follows: dollars per year for years.

Cash herewith \$..... Signed

THE GRAPES OF WRATH

Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are
stored:

He hath loosed the fateful light-
ning of His terrible swift
sword:

His truth is marching on.

Many reasons have been ad-
duced to account for the present
struggle now devastating the
world, and most of them have
been wrong. Wrong, that is, in
the sense that a high fever in-
dicates a disease of the body, but
is not the ill in itself. The
fundamental cause of this
world's ills is sin. It has been
a neglect or forgetting of this
tremendous fact that has led
multitudes of well-meaning peo-
ple to mistake the effect for
world-betterment which, good
enough in themselves, do not get
to the root of the matter. What
we see happening in the world
today is what we should have
expected to happen had we read
our Bibles aright, and based our
conceptions of God and His gov-
ernment of the universe as these
are set forth there. For nothing
is more plainly written in Scrip-
ture than the fact that God is a
just God who visits iniquity up-
on the perpetrators of it, and
has created laws that can never
be broken. These are implicit
in the nature of things, and that
being so the neglect of these

great truths and Divine sanctions
and restraints set forth in the
Bible inevitably brought judg-
ment. That is what we are wit-
nessing today. The judgments
of God are in the earth, and
these judgments are simply the
operation of the law of sowing
and reaping. We would like al-
so to point out that the same
thing will occur again if the
world continues to neglect the
old way and the good way of
faith in God and in His Divine
Word.

In these columns we have had
occasion again and again to call
attention to the case of Ethiopia.
Looking over some things we
had written at the time of the
invasion we came upon this edi-
torial in August 1936. We ven-
ture to reprint part of it, com-
menting upon the appearance of
Haile Selassie before the League
of Nations. It makes interesting
reading today in the light of re-
cent events in the history of
Ethiopia and the restoration of
the Emperor to his throne. Here
is what we wrote just five years
ago:

"His address to the League of
Nations, where the myrmidons
of Mussolini hurled insults at
him from the gallery, will pass
into history with the Gettysburg
speech of Lincoln. Quietly and
without heat, sorrowful, dignified
and restrained, he told the

League of Nations the truth regarding Italy and her 'sacred mission of civilization in the spirit of the League Covenant.' 'I could not believe,' he said, 'that fifty-two nations — among them the most powerful in the world — could be defeated by a single aggressor.' And then from his lips fell the fateful words:

'GOD AND HISTORY WILL REMEMBER YOUR JUDGMENT.'"

Here is the Emperor's picture of what his people endured. In a graphic passage he said:

"From January, 1936, soldiers, women, children, cattle, rivers, lakes and pastures were drenched continually with gas. These fearful tactics succeeded.

"Men and animals succumbed. The deadly rain made the people flee, shrieking in pain. All those who ate affected food or drank poisoned water also succumbed amid dreadful sufferings.

"Tens of thousands of victims of Italian mustard gas fell. It was to denounce to the civilized world the tortures inflicted upon the Ethiopian people that I resolved to come to Geneva."

Yes, Haile Selassie is right. He found the League a broken reed. It did nothing for him and deserted him in his hour of need. But God and history will remember. Mussolini has not tri-

umphed. The final victory will be Haile Selassie's, as the final word will rest with God.

—*Editorial, Evangelical Christian.*

"AS THE FATHER HATH SENT ME"

So send I you—to labour unrewarded,
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought,
unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and
scoffing,
So send I you—to toil for Me alone.

So send I you—to bind the bruised and
broken,
O'er wand'ring souls to work, to weep,
to wake,
To bear the burdens of a world aweary,
So send I you—to suffer for My sake.

So send I you—to loneliness and long-
ing,
With heart a-hung'ring for the loved
and known,
Forsaking home and kindred, friend
and dear one,
So send I you—to know My love alone.

So send I you—to leave your life's am-
bitions,
To die to dear desire, self-will resign,
To labour long and love where men
revile you,
So send I you—to lose your life in
Mine.

So send I you—to hearts made hard
by hatred,
To eyes made blind because they will
not see;
To spend, tho' be it blood—to spend,
and spare not,
So send I you—to taste of Calvary—
So send I you—
Lord, here am I!
Send me!

—**E. Margaret Clarkson.**

THE RIVER OF LIFE

By Dr. T. A. Lambie

"And it came to pass that everything which liveth, which moveth whithersoever the rivers shall come shall live." Ezekiel 47:9.

The prophet Ezekiel describes in a wonderful way a marvellous river that issues from the right side of the altar. At first it is ankle deep, then knee-deep, then waist deep, and then over one's head—waters to swim in. Some only go ankle deep into God's river, some go knee-deep, but are afraid to trust themselves wholly to God's mercy. They are half, or more than half persuaded, but still are wanting to keep their feet on the shingle, not knowing that the deeper they venture the safer they are, for those who launch out boldly into the deep of trusting God will never find Him untrue. He always bears up the trusting soul. If they trust Him, He will never let them sink.

As I sit here in the Sudan gazing out upon the broad waters of the Nile, I think of how one at least of its many tributaries begins. Far away on a bleak mountainside in Ethiopia just below the summit of a mountain in a tiny depression is a clear, cool spring that issues from a miniature basin, at first as a mere trickle, but soon swells into a brook, and then into a river between mighty cliffs shaded by

beautiful green trees. We camped once near that spring, the real source of the Atbara river and were refreshed by its cool, clear, wholesome water. We thought of the long journey which the water must take before it reached the sea.

From such sources comes the Nile. When Khartoum is attained it is, especially at the height of the flood, a great river many feet broad and very deep. Waters to swim in, indeed, all the people of the world might swim in it. Through malarial swamps and through bleak deserts it goes, to burst forth at last below the Assuan Dam as the giver of all of the wealth and fertility of mighty Egypt.

It is safe to say that without the Nile not one person in Egypt could survive. It is indeed a river of life. "Everything which liveth, which moveth whithersoever the rivers shall come shall live."

The Nile comes from a thousand beautiful sources such as the one that I have described, but the river in Ezekiel has but one source, it issues from beside the altar. It comes from the very throne of God, and, although it has but the one supply yet it becomes constantly greater the farther it flows. It comes from God. At first it seems capable of measurement, and those who

enter it seem able to stop at various points and find it not at all overwhelming. Their feet are on the beach, their ankles are in the life-giving water, but there is far more for them ahead if they will only believe and plunge in.

The water in certain woodland lakes (as at Keswick) is said to be impregnated with the scent and life-giving properties of the millions of fragrant and health-giving pine needles through which the springs which feed it flow. After swimming or bathing in such waters, many experience a delightful tingling of health and vigour.

The water described in Ezekiel as flowing from the Sanctuary is like that, but if we are only content to go ankle deep we will never experience the full benefit. Even those halfway in miss so much of the blessing. It will certainly buoy you up — never doubt it. If you launch out into God's deep river and trust Him wholly you are far safer than if you are keeping one furtive foot on earth. The earth passeth away but this stream neither passes away nor dries up, and wherever it flows there is life.

In viewing the Nile from an airplane one is impressed with the thinness of that silver thread which carries life to millions. Here one sees the desert come to the water's edge; there a little strip of herbage between; yon-

der are broad fields; but all fed by the same stream. Below Atbara for seventeen hundred miles to the sea no single stream is added to the Nile, but it is constantly giving, giving, giving. It gives life wherever it goes, but in doing so it exhausts itself. How different is the stream in Ezekiel. It, too, is constantly giving, but it is never exhausted. It grows greater all the way.

Oh, fearful ones who have never really trusted God, you explore His mercies and His love with timid feet, in just up to the ankles, and in so doing how your mistrust of Him robs you of the full benefits that might be yours if you had a bolder faith. You who have gone halfway but still like to balance with one foot on the land, plunge in deeper. Why do you fear? Will He fail? Never! His mercies fail not. The deeper you go the safer you are. It is like a great ocean liner that is unsafe in shallow water near the shore. Submerged rocks and hidden reefs may pierce her hull and she be a castaway. The deeper the water the safer she is. Water is her element, and so it should be with us; this river of God's grace should be altogether yours. Christian, it is your element. Launch out into the deep and you will be blessed yourself and be the means of encouraging other timid souls to follow your example.

MISSIONARY ADVENTURES IN WEST AFRICA

Account of War Experiences of Kenneth and David Rupp

As many readers of the Bible Vision know, Kenneth and David Rupp who are with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in West Africa, were arrested and imprisoned by the West African government in the fall of 1940 for alleged complicity in the escape of a Free French officer. It seemed almost certain that they would have to return to the United States after their prison term expired although attempts were made through the State Department to permit them to work in British territory in Sierra Leone, where they were born and reared. It is with praise to God that announcement can now be made of their safe arrival in Sierre Leone and permission from British authorities to work in that field.

They were released from prison on March 28th and were given eight days with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. David Rupp at Mamou in order to say good-bye and prepare to leave the station. There was, as may be surmised—much rejoicing upon their arrival and sad farewells as they left. However, considerable delays were encountered in securing their passports and making the journey to the border near Gueckedon. At the frontier the guards were "scared" to let them pass on account of possible political repercussions. However, on the 5th of May they crossed into Liberia. They were detained in Liberia until May 26th, when they were permitted to enter Sierra Leone.

On May 9th Kenneth wrote as follows: "We are completely separated from Dad as the frontier between French and English country is closed and not even letters can pass. But

in our Father's care all are safe, so we can trust completely. We can't understand why all this has had to come about but Rom. 8:28 is still true. We had hoped to be permitted to go back to our work in Koule but for the present that is impossible. In a way the work there is our responsibility but we can still pray for it and the Christians there. We had begun to get the language and I loved the people and the country. I have thought since that perhaps we liked the station too much and the Lord did not want us attached to earthly things."

On June 20th, he again wrote as follows: "The river of God is **full** of water" (Ps. 65:9). This verse has been a great blessing to me the past few days and weeks. As I walked over old dried creeks I thought of it,—the river of **God** is full of water. How wonderful! Never any lack! Never any rationing of water from God's river. There is all we need. The reason we have so little is because we don't draw."

Arriving at Freetown on May 30th, they were greeted as heroes. The French officer, now promoted to major, whom they allegedly had helped escape, was waiting for them with an army truck and a taxi. Further, every English official treated them with generous kindness. In a few days they were assisted to petition the key man in the government for permission to stay and work in the country. Permission was soon granted, and it may well be that God has graciously overruled and has prepared His servants to re-open the field in Sierra Leone. They desire the prayers of God's people that they may be considered worthy of their trust.

WITH THE FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

NEWS ITEMS

Miss Barbara J. Croizer, Altoona, Pa., is sailing for Alaska on August 7, via Seattle, on the S. S. Denali. She will labor under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

A rally of former Bible Institute students was held on Tuesday evening, July 29, at the Fondulac Park, Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Melvin Rich directed the arrangements.

We are glad to welcome Miss Luella Miller into our fellowship. She is employed in the Institute office.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Steiner of Pandora, Ohio, are spending the summer in Evanston, Ill., where Mr. Steiner is attending Northwestern Conservatory of Music. For the last three years "Doc" has been on the teaching staff at Bob Jones College in Cleveland, Tenn.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Imler, Chicago, Ill., have accepted a call from the Missionary Church, Angola, Ind. Mr. Imler graduated from the Bible Institute in May. We trust God's richest blessing shall be on these precious young people in their new work.

Junior Alumni

Announcement of the following births have been received:

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Uphold, Jr., Peoria, Ill., announce the arrival of James Daniel, June 27. Mr. Uphold was a graduate of the class of '36.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dyck (nee Edna Neuenschwander), Fort Wayne, Ind., a son, Donald Dean, July 15.

The Tie That Binds

The Fellowship Circle extends best wishes to the following couples who were recently married:

On June 28, Miss Dorothy Lugibihl, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Lugibihl, Peoria, Ill., became the bride of Mr. Gaylord Lehman, '40, Pandora, Ohio. Rev. Lugibihl, the bride's father,

officiated at the ceremony. Mr. Lehman is pastor of the Missionary Church at Fleetwood, Pa.

Another happy union is that of Miss Esther Huber to Mr. Edwin Zimbelman, both of Carson, North Dakota, on June 29. The couple are now at home in Fort Wayne, Ind. Both will be enrolled as students in the Institute this fall.

Miss Dorothy Kiene, Ft. Wayne, Ind., to Dale Summers, Rudolph, Ohio, on Sunday, June 29, at the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple. Mr. Summers is the organist at the Temple and associate pastor to Rev. Clifford Hollifield.

On June 27, Miss Laura Versfelt of New York City was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Stewart, of Detroit, Mich. Both were students in 1939-40.

Miss June Thomas, Royal Oak, Mich., to Mr. Paul Smith on July 11 at Pettisville, Ohio. Rev. Paul Steiner officiated.

Miss Rebie Rives of Beloit, Wis., and Mr. La Verne Anderson of Caledonia, Illinois, were married in the Rev. S. A. Witmer residence, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on July 19. They are now at home in Fort Wayne, Ind. Mr. Anderson expects to pursue his studies at the Institute this fall.

FIRST ILLINOIS BIBLE INSTITUTE REUNION

On the evening of July 29, 1941, at Fondulac Park, East Peoria, Illinois, the first Bible Institute reunion of Illinois alumni was held. All former graduates, workers, and students, with their families, of Central Illinois were invited to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the fellowship around the table.

Of the 65 who were present for the reunion, 33 were at one time resident students or workers of the Institute. Some of these had accepted our invitation and came from other cities. Mrs. Esther Anderson Lindstrom, '21, came from London Mills, Illinois, where her sister, Mrs. Nora Johnson, lives. Mrs. Lindstrom's home is in Beloit, Wis.

Rev. Weldon Klopfenstein, '22, came from Momence, Illinois. Mrs. Harvey Preston (Dessie Meyers), '27, with her husband and baby daughter live in Toulon, Illinois. The rest of our group were made up of residents of Groveland, East Peoria, and Peoria.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Lugibihl, as host and hostess and representatives of the earliest years at school, led the march around the tables loaded with food. Following them in line came a representative of the year of 1904, Carl Norquist. Members of other classes from the year 1917 to 1941 followed in line.

The following informal program was given:

Vibraharp Solo—Rev. Eldon Mitchell '33, Pastor Olivet Missionary Church Solo—Mrs. Fred Lindstrom '21

Duet—Mrs. Jennie Moser Ritthaler '20 and Mr. Carl Norquist '04-'05

Short Talks—Mrs. Frank Glock '20, and Mrs. Harvey Preston '27

Duet—Mrs. W. B. Uphold, Miss Hazel Butz (New Dean of Women)

Solo—Rev. Earl Leonard '27, Pastor of Bethany Missionary Church.

Trio—Gabriel Martig '39, Dora Martig '40 and Dan Demmin '40.

Brief Words—Rev. W. B. Uphold '37, Rev. Frank Glock '20, Rev. Herman Wagner '38, and Rev. Paul Rager.

Closing Remarks and Prayer — Rev. Weldon Klopfenstein.

The various songs were well chosen and beautifully played and sung. The short, spontaneous talks were an inspiration and blessing to all. Some present had not enjoyed such fellowship with former students since the days of graduation.

At the close of the program someone suggested that we elect a committee to arrange for the 1942 reunion. The following were chosen:

Rev. Walter Lugibihl, Chairman

Mrs. Esther Wagler Rich '24

Rev. Earl B. Leonard '27

Miss Ruth Rediger '19.

B. I. Rally in Detroit

By the initiative of several students in Detroit, Mich., a B. I. rally will be

held at Dr. Zoller's Church on Friday evening, Aug. 29th. Dean Witmer and Professor Ira Gerig will be present, and an inspirational program, including colored movies of the school, has been arranged.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

Detroit, Michigan.

Our training began at the "Ft. Wayne Bible Training School" in 1924. In these intervening years we were made to praise God many times for the lessons taught us by the greatest of all teachers while we were learners there.

We feel honored of God to be members of the Institute family, to have known and fellowshiped with so many saints who are now in the Master's vineyard, bearing the burden and heat of the day. Some of these already have gone to be rewarded for their labor, among whom are our beloved instructor, Rev. Byron G. Smith, and our fellow-pastor, Rev. Alfred Jacob.

Our fellow-student, Rev. Forest Kuhn, recently said that two of his most prized possessions are his Institute Bible and his Institute Autograph Book. So it is with us. Often we look through these pages, reminiscing over marked chapel texts, precious spiritual blessings and all the different personalities of our former room-, class- and school-mates and the instructors who have enriched our lives. Today we feel glad to give this testimony and greeting in these pages which help to continue this fellowship.

We are happily serving Him as we now enter the fourteenth year of pastoral work. We are asking Him to make us more worthy and better fitted for so high a calling.

Sincerely,

Joseph and Mary Klopfenstein,

Class of 1927 and 1926.

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Regina, Kentucky.

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are glad to send warm Christian greetings from our little Kentucky

mountain home nestled among the foothills of the Cumberlands, where we have been serving Christ for the past seven years.

The Lord in His loving compassion saw hidden away in these mountain districts many precious souls, who have long been left in ignorance of God's Word, and it was to these people God called us to minister. We find many opportunities for service as we conduct chapel periods in the surrounding mountain schools and carry on Sunday School work and prayer meetings on two different creeks as well as in the little village where we live. We were also able to hold three Vacation Bible Schools this spring with good interest and attendance in all. Through our visitation work and other contacts, we find many who are needy of Christ and His blessings, but because of ignorance, prejudice and superstition they are hard to reach with the truth of the Gospel.

Since we are working independently, we have had many testing times and gone through hard experiences but the Lord has been very precious through them all. We are grateful for His blessing and the fruit He is giving.

In Christian love,

Doris Lipps and Grace Holmes.

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Chicago, Illinois.

A friend of mine started keeping company and became engaged to an unsaved man. Upon being admonished of the danger, she replied that she had prayed if it was not the Lord's will for them to be together, that He would put something in the way. I replied, God is under no obligation to put anything in your way. He has preserved a special delivery letter down through the ages and written it in black and white where you can read it every day: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." He has magnified His Word above His name. His Spirit, His leadings and His Word always agree.

It's like this: Supposing in another's home I should spy a beautiful vase I

liked. I'd pray if it wasn't the Lord's will for me to take it that He would put something in the way. He put nothing in the way, so I ran off with the vase. Later upon being asked if someone gave it to me, I'd reply, "No." "Did you buy it?" "No, I took it." "You took it!" "Yes, it must have been the Lord's will for me to take it because I prayed if it wasn't His will He'd put something in the way and He did not put anything in the way, so it must have been His will for me to take it." Nay, there are some things you don't have to pray about. They are already **settled** by the WORD. Bless the Lord forever!

Nellie E. Thum '33.

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Flushing, New York.

Twenty-five years ago! Just a quarter of a century since I graduated from what was then known as the Fort Wayne Bible Training School. What memories come trooping in like battalions as I visit again this school which gave me such a sturdy foundation in Christian essentials. College, seminary, and university followed—over nine years of what is called higher education—but those years brought enrichment to a vital Christian experience which had found its greatest spur to growth in the Bible School.

There have been changes in the School in these passing years, for under God's guidance it has grown in His grace. But there has been no change in the centrality of its faith—Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Lord. Though others have gone, J. E. Ramseyer remains as leader—a leader who truly lives and walks with his Master. Associated with him still is that gracious companion who through the long years has brought blessing to countless lives—Mrs. Ramseyer.

A quarter of a century made rich because once I studied here and enjoyed the fellowship that belongs to the children of God.

Norman A. Hall '19.

Van Nuys, California.

Just an old freighter, tied up at the wharf. The winches were rattling and groaning as she was unloading the wares from her holds. We stood on the dock and watched. There was little need for conversation. We were lonesome and homesick. How many an hour have we sat on the deck of one of those freighters, just watching while we were waiting. So once more old chords struck their melody, "I want to go back." I believe that Mrs. Siemens was first to give form to our thoughts. Back to the land and people of our adoption.

Thus last night after we had gone to rest, I still seemed to hear those winches. Homesick for Home. One of these days when on the shores of eternity, we shall be made to realize more keenly than we ever can now, that we have changed TIME for ETERNITY. The ship of life shall have docked. The wares accumulated through life's opportunities will be brought out of her holds. What wares! What accumulations!

David F. Siemens '17

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Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Dear Members of the
Fellowship Circle:

For nearly two years we have been caring for a pastorate in southeast Tennessee among the mountain people. This work has been promoted by the Friends for over sixty years and at present is under the American Friends Board of Missions.

Our parsonage is located on a good gravel road nine miles from Tellico Plains, Tenn., which is on state road 68. We would be glad to see any of you who can stop.

The mountain people are delightful to work among. Here you will find some of the salt of the earth and also you will find the powers of darkness abroad to deceive and destroy the souls of men.

People regard the Bible as the Book and love it. In our country the Bible is read in the schools. Nearly all,

young and old, can repeat familiar passages from memory in unison very creditably. Revival meetings occupy the summer evenings, and people walk for miles to attend them. Some one comes along the road and others join, then together they walk to church in groups of ten to twenty-five singing religious songs. The songs used in rural churches are peculiar to mountain people. They may be akin to the "spiritual." Many of the hymns most of us are familiar with are not used much.

Franklin and I have just closed a two-weeks' meeting in one of our churches. The attendance was very good. Most evenings people could not all get in the building. Some visible results of repentance were very encouraging, while many people were tender but did not yield. More prayer and faith must be exercised to draw in these others. Your prayers are needed in this section too.

Franklin P. and Lillian Roth Chant.

FOREIGN GLEANINGS

Wuchow, South China.

All missionaries have been able to return to their work after months of enforced staying at the coast. Quote:—"Travel within the Province is quite satisfactory and there is no hindrance to our carrying on our work. There seems to be a readiness on every hand to listen to the Gospel."

"We had a beautiful service on Easter Sunday morning early. To me, it was thrilling as if it had been the first Easter service I attended. I have wondered if it was because we had with us that morning eight or ten young naval cadets who had but recently heard and accepted the Gospel and this was their first Easter service and we were sharing with them their joy in a risen, living Christ."

The Bible school has again been opened in Wuchow and is carrying on. "Here we have open country to run to and air raid shelters, etc. There were eight planes which came as far as Wuchow last Tuesday and circled

over the city and returned to their base without dropping bombs."

By this we can see that though the Japanese have withdrawn from the district still the dangers are not all past, but we thank God that though every chapel in the province has been bombed yet the loss of life among the Christians has been outstandingly small for which we praise the Lord and now the work is being carried on with new zeal and earnest prayer by the recently returned missionaries.

Rhoda L. Hinkey.

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S. S. El Nil
en route to Africa.

Greetings to you in the name of our Blessed Lord!

This is our fourth Sunday on our voyage, and truly we can say, "The Lord has been merciful unto us." Each morning we are made to think of that hymn, "Safely Through Another Week," only the words we think of are, "Safely through another night, God has brought us on our way." And yes, in the midst of dangers, it is the Lord who is bringing us safely through. Praise His Holy Name! I am sure that many of you have been praying for our protection, and we want you to know that we have appreciated it very much. God has answered prayer. Tomorrow by noon we plan to be on African shores. What a day of rejoicing that will be. Praise His Name!

It might be of interest to you to hear what took place at Trinidad, for it was there that we had a real test of our faith. Before leaving America I realized that there might be dangers ahead, but I did not know just how serious these dangers might be. Upon arriving at Trinidad we were given the news that a certain ship had been sunk. This of course brought much concern among the passengers. (Since this letter will be censored I will only mention those things that are permitted.) The captain thought it best to let each individual decide for himself, if he wanted to sail on, or go back to the States; therefore, this question

was put before us. There were 7 passengers who decided to return, the rest of us said, "Sail on." Before my name was called I had time to pray about the matter. It seemed, with all the promises that God had given me, and the wonderful way He had led, even in getting my visa and passport, that the only safe thing to do was, "Sail on." And this we are doing, believing that God will take us safely to our destination. Again I will say, "The Lord be praised!"

It was interesting to note the seriousness among the passengers, especially among those that are not missionaries, after hearing this news at Trinidad. But now that we are getting closer to our destination there is less concern. We are praying that the Lord will speak to their hearts. Among the crew, there are only two that are Christians: the fireman, and one of the radio operators. The rest are Mohammedan, as far as I know. One evening last week I had a very interesting talk with the Christian radio operator. He is a Coptic Christian from Alexandria, Egypt. He speaks very good English for the short time he has studied it. His Christianity is not just like ours, yet I believe he knows the Lord, and that is the important thing. He comes to the church services, and is always among Christians when he is off duty. This speaks well for him. We are praying that he will live a life that will be a testimony to the others on the boat. The purser is one who is watching his life, and he says that he is not a Christian yet, but he has leadings in that direction. It would seem that the captain, Mr. Walton, is thinking of the Christian life also. Last Wednesday evening when we had the ship's party he was asked what he wanted sung for the closing anthem. His reply was sing God's anthem. We were very pleased to hear this reply and we trust that he too will be saved before it is too late. In response to his request we gladly sang the Doxology for the closing number on the program.

I mentioned the ship's party on Wednesday evening, and I might tell here of the other things that took place on Wednesday. It was really a day of surprises. It was supposed to be the day we crossed the equator; however, that was not the day, but we had our program anyway. The program in the afternoon was called the "Order of the Bath." The king Neptune and his courtiers came on the platform in their sea-like costumes, which called forth a great deal of laughter. Mr. Lee Spratt, a brother of Jack, who speaks over WMBI, was the judge and Dr. Helser was the barber. The rest of the parts were taken by those passengers that I do not know so well. It was a joke the way they treated the offenders. First he was found guilty, then his heart was examined, then his head was cut off. After that he was placed on the fatal chair, given a shave and haircut, and thrown backwards into the water. Of course this was done with fake instruments, and the water was only a small pool. Last of all the hose was turned on the audience as well as the court. This was the end.

Well here we are, only about ten more hours to go before we will be in Lagos. My, what a day of rejoicing that will be tomorrow. I can hardly wait. It all seems like a dream to me, yet I know that it is a reality. I have been trying to think of words to express my feelings, but all I can say is, "The Lord be praised!" This has been a lovely voyage in spite of the dangers that have faced us. They were only a means to bring us closer to the Lord. So we say Praise the Lord. It is truly sweet to trust Him and find Him ever true. My prayer is, that I will be faithful in the task that He has given me to do.

Just in closing, I have been well all of the voyage, except when we started to take our quinine. Then it was only a tired feeling, but that soon left me. Since then I have felt grand. I praise the Lord for this also, for many of the

passengers were seasick for quite awhile. I think I shall leave space at the bottom for things I wish to jot down tomorrow, so I will let this be the end for now. Pray! Pray!

Sincerely in Him,

Luella Landrey.

(Word was received since this letter concerning Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Um-mel and Miss Landrey, informing us that "ALL ARE WELL AT DESTINATION." Our readers will be thankful to our heavenly Father for giving them a safe journey.)

"Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,—
Can we to men benighted
The lamp of Life deny?
Salvation! O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till each remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name."

Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and I will show you a man that can comprehend God.—
John Wesley.

As to the importance of the children of God opening their hearts to each other, especially when they are getting into a cold state, or are under the power of a certain sin, or are in especial difficulty; I know from my own experience how often the snare of the Devil has been broken when under the power of sin; how often the heart has been comforted when nigh to be overwhelmed; how often advice, under great perplexity, has been obtained—by opening my heart to a brother in whom I had confidence. We are children of the same family, and ought therefore to be helpers one of another.
—George Muller.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE INSTITUTE

Summer Cleaning

Many guests of the Bible Institute have commended the staff upon the condition and appearance of the buildings and grounds. To remain worthy of such approval necessitates constant vigilance and frequent revival. One of these periodic occasions is the spring house cleaning. This was manned by a jolly crew at the close of the Youth Rally. Time sped by and dirt vanished as the terse challenge of competitive claims darted across rooms and through halls from one ambitious spirit to another, each contending for first place in efficiency. Besides the sense of accomplishment and the satisfaction of a well-kept institution, there were enviable rewards. The kind-hearted kitchen staff sent delicious refreshments to each worker in the middle of each half day. One skipper in particular was highly favored. She asked for the gum from the bottom of the classroom chairs, if it happened to be Spearmint. Since it was found to be unfit for consumption, she was presented with a re-conditioned package from Krogers!

Summer Guests

Not only have a number of students and workers remained on the campus for the summer, but guests from elsewhere also have registered. Mrs. Miller, from the Congregational-Christian Church at Warren, where Mr. Malsbury is pastor, is rooming in Bethany Hall. Reverend F. Lincicome, who held meetings at the Faith Tabernacle and who spoke also at Reverend Howard Paschal's camp-meeting, made the Institute his headquarters while he was in the city. His challenging answers to the question of James 4:14, "What is your life?" have been blessed of the Lord to our good at table devotions. The evangelists at the Curdes Avenue Missionary Church, the Misses Smith and Marshall, likewise have

been residents of Bethany Hall. Rev. and Mrs. Carner, missionaries on furlough from India, were entertained on June 27 and 28. Miss Louise Anderson, employed in secretarial work in the city, is one of our family for the summer. Miss Elda Amstutz visited her sister at Bethany Hall for a week. Mr. Don MacIntosh brought two guests from his church, The Mennonite Brethren in Christ, at Englewood, Ohio: the Misses Betty Potter and Esther Hoover. We were honored on July 20 by the visit of Mr. Joseph Risius from the Government Air Base. We pray God's blessing upon him and the many other young men there and elsewhere in government defense service. May the Christian witness enlighten hearts and win many to the Lord.

It was the privilege of the Institute to entertain young people attending the Youth Rally at the First Missionary Church. Rooms in both the Administration Building and Bethany Hall were kept filled, and nourishing food sustained a large group through the strenuous days of the Rally. The young people conducted themselves so commendably in the dormitories that we trust many of them will be residents there in future days.

The Bible Institute was host to many of the out-of-town guests of the camp-meeting conducted by the Reverend Howard Paschal. Some of the workers entertained here were Dr. Z. T. Johnson of Asbury College, Reverend Black of Houghton College, Reverend F. Lincicome, Reverend and Mrs. John Church, Reverend and Mrs. Arnold Hodgkin, Reverend and Mrs. Woodford Taylor, Rev. Jean Pound, Reverend Lela McConnell and her boys' quartette from Kentucky, a quartette from Marion College, and Professor Sam Walters, also from Marion.

Activities of the Staff

Mother Lugibihl has been visiting a

brother who was ill, and she praises the Lord that she finds him much improved and again at work. She has been to Peoria, Illinois, also, to attend the wedding of Miss Dorothy Lugibihl to Mr. Gaylord Lehman, and has stopped in Chicago to visit a friend. Miss Melvena Basinger spent the two weeks beginning June 24 at her home in Pandora, Ohio. Miss Dorothy Rothfuss visited her parents in Sebewaing, Mich. Miss Zeller enjoys her vacation, first with her niece in Omaha, Nebraska, and now with her sister in Kingsville, Ohio. Miss Martha Amstutz spent a week with her brother in Royal Oak, Michigan. Mr. Loyal Ringenberg has been providing strenuous labor for himself and others in the erection of his new home on South Wayne Ave. It is hoped that he soon will have "Open House."

On June 15, the Misses Vermillion, Crawford, Bedsworth, Basinger, Leitner, and Amstutz visited Mrs. Basinger and Miss Ruth Bixel in Pandora, Ohio. It was their privilege to see also while there the Misses Helen Schumacher, Stella Augsburg, Mabel Steiner, and Lucille Geiger.

Although we missed our President and Mrs. Ramseyer for the month in which they were serving in the South, yet we rejoice in the blessing of the Lord upon their ministry there. In Middle Tennessee, they visited McEwen and Union City, Mrs. Ramseyer's "home town"; in West Tennessee, Humboldt, Enterprise, and Memphis. Their last appointment was in Malden, Missouri, from which they returned to Fort Wayne and a sincere welcome at the Bible Institute.

The Bible Institute Family is happy to welcome Miss Luella Miller as a helpful addition to the office force and a blessing to the Institute life.

Vital Statistics

This summer, two new Christian homes were established in the Annex.

A campus event marked the beginning of each. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zimbelman were entertained at dinner in the dining room, and the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Anderson was held in the library. It is our prayer that these homes may be centers of blessing and that from them may go forth the light of the Gospel to many hearts.

The Annex also welcomes three other residents: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dyck and their infant son, Donald Dean, born July 15.

The Blood. I know of no word in the Bible or in human speech that contains such mysteries! In it are concentrated the mysteries of the Incarnation, in which our God took flesh and blood: of the obedience unto death in which the blood was shed: of the Love that passeth knowledge that purchased us with His own blood: of the victory over every enemy through the blood: of the atonement and reconciliation and redemption by means of the blood: of the cleansing of the conscience and the sprinkling of the heart with the blood.—**Dr. Andrew Murray.**

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The begetter of life;
The uprooter of sin;
The revealer of God;
The guide of history;
The fashioner of law;
The friend of science;
The comfort in sorrow;
The foe to superstition;
The textbook of ethics;
The star of death's night;
The light of the intellect;
The enemy of oppression;
The strength of weakness;
The promise of the future.

—**Bishop William F. Anderson.**

—Free Methodist

"THY SINS BE FORGIVEN"

By DELLA ADAMS LEITNER

*"Thy sins be forgiven,"
What blessed release
Comes to the burdened heart
Yearning for peace.
No music of heaven
Or earth can compare
To this answer of Jesus
To penitent prayer.
Words filled with compassion,
With truth that assures,
With hope so restoring,
With love that endures.*

*"Thy sins be forgiven"—
O Father may we
Forgive as forgiven
And manifest Thee.*

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OPENING OF FALL SEMESTER,
Sept. 10th, 1941

The 38th year of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute will open on September 10th with an anticipated enrollment that will be as large or larger than last year.

Students may enroll in either the School of Bible or the School of Music. Majors in Theology, Missions, and Christian Education are offered in the School of Bible. The School of Music offers applied majors in Voice, Piano, and Organ.

Dr. J. Warren Slote, M.A., B.D., Th.D., has been added to the faculty for this coming year. Miss Hazel Butz, B.S., will be the new Dean of Women, succeeding Miss Martha Amstutz. Professor Raymond Weaver, B.M., will return to the Institute after a year's leave of absence to teach piano and organ. Professor Weaver was awarded the President's Gold Medal from the Chicago Conservatory of Music last June for his artistry in piano. This is the highest award given by the Conservatory.

Young people planning to pursue Bible training this fall are invited to send their applications now.

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